

September 24, 2024

The Honorable Richard Durbin
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Lindsey Graham
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
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To The Honorable Richard Durbin and The Honorable Lindsey Graham,

It is my distinct honor to offer my highest recommendation and pledge my full support for Keli M. Neary and her pending confirmation to the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. Keli has honorably served our great commonwealth as a public servant for 18 years as a judicial law clerk, counsel to the Pennsylvania State Police and the Office of Attorney General.

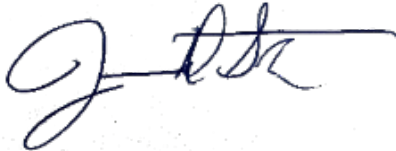
I first met Keli while I was serving as General Counsel to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania under Governor Thomas W. Corbett. In that role, it was my responsibility to serve as General Counsel to the Governor and oversee the legal operations for 36 state agencies. During that time, Keli was serving as assistant counsel to the Pennsylvania State Police. It was clear to me then from my interactions with her that Keli was a dedicated public servant, brilliant lawyer and someone who truly cared about making a difference in the lives of the people she served. It was no surprise to me when she left the State Police to take on a greater role to serve our commonwealth in the Office of Attorney General serving in the Civil Division. Likewise, it was also no surprise that she quickly ascended through the leadership ranks through multiple administrations to ultimately serve as Executive Deputy Attorney General leading the Civil Law Division. Multiple Attorneys General have relied on her tremendous skills as a lawyer, judgment and ability to lead.

I have also had the opportunity to work with Keli in my representation of clients before the Office of Attorney General. In every instance she exhibited exceptional professionalism and formidably represented the commonwealth while still maintaining her understanding of the need for fairness. As a member of the judiciary, I am certain she will bring those same qualities of

professionalism, judgement and fairness to the bench. She will also bring her tremendous experience, respect for the rule of law and her unwavering dedication to serving the public.

It is for the foregoing reasons that I respectfully submit this letter of support for her confirmation before this honorable committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Schultz', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

James Schultz
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